GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3339
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CONVERSION OF METER GAUGE LINE INTO BROAD GAUGE LINE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee constituted by the State Government of Assam has underlined the threat posed by conversion of the meter gauge lines into Broadgauge in Assam ones and re-alignment work associated therewith, to the environment and the natural habitat of elephants and other wild life;

(b) if so, the nature and extent of threat voiced by the committee as communicated to the Railways and the recommendations and suggestions made to avert and minimise such threat to environment; and

(c) the reaction and response of the Government thereto ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) Railway has not been informed of Committee constituted by State Govt. of Assam, if any, to examine the threat posed by conversion of the meter gauge line into broad gauge in Assam to the environment and the natural habitat of elephants and other wild life.

(b) & (c): Do not arise.